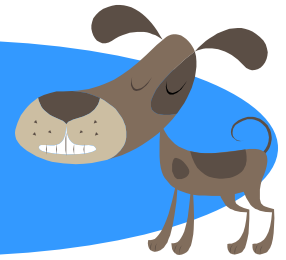


Gimme Shelter

News from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter

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Down... Set... Adopt!

The teams are set for **Homeward Bound 2009: the 12 Hour Tailgate Party!** Dogs, cats, and critters are getting in shape to see who can find the most new homes during our 12 hour adoption marathon, happening at the Animal Shelter on **Saturday, October 24, 10:00am—10:00pm.**



Judy, a 3 year old Puggle, is primed for action! "I'm lots of fun in a small package, and I'm ready to find a new home where I can be the MVP—most valuable pet, of course!"

Sasha, a 5 year old Maine Coon, responded with, "Not so fast, dog. The cats might be quiet, but we are going to win this contest. You can't beat my 17 pounds of purring power!"



This group of **baby hamsters** says, "Don't count us out! We might be rookies, but our cute little faces just might make us the stars of the show!"

See who prevails and enjoy a day of football-themed fun for the whole family. There will be games for kids of all ages, tailgate snacks and drinks, giveaways, and of course, wonderful animals looking for new homes. Find your MVP at Homeward Bound 2009!

Upcoming Mobile Adoption Events

Find directions and details at
www.loudoun.gov/animals.

Saturday, October 10

11:00am—4:00pm

SterlingFest

Sterling Community Center

Sunday, October 18

12:00—4:00pm

Dog Days in Downtown

Downtown Leesburg

Saturday, October 31

6:00—8:00pm

Leesburg Halloween Parade

Downtown Leesburg

Saturday, November 14

11:00am—2:00pm

BarkFest

Franklin Park, Purcellville



The Shelter Pet Project

The Advertising Council, in partnership with The Humane Society of the United States and Maddie's Fund, have announced the launch of *The Shelter Pet Project*, a national public service advertising (PSA) campaign, designed to encourage pet lovers throughout the country to make shelters their first choice for acquiring companion animals. *The Shelter Pet Project* is the first national PSA campaign to bring together the largest animal welfare organizations and many shelters across the country for one unified goal—to increase pet adoption.

The Shelter Pet Project aims to change the public's perception of shelter pets

and encourage Americans to save a pet's life by adopting from an animal shelter or rescue group. The campaign is geared toward all Americans, including current, past and potential pet owners, but particularly those who are planning on acquiring a pet within the next year and who have not yet decided where they will get their pet from.

We are excited to be part of this campaign, and look forward to seeing it help our pets find new homes. Be sure to look for the *Shelter Pet Project* commercials on TV soon, and for more information, check out www.shelterpetproject.org.



Employee of the Month

Lisa Shaw is September's Employee of the Month! Lisa is being recognized for her excellent and unselfish work as an Animal Control Officer. Her efforts to ensure her duties are accomplished and then pitching and helping the shelter when they are short staffed is highly commendable. This recognition acknowledges her hard work in helping with doing the laundry and cleaning the cat areas, and her assistance in taking two horse trailer loads of trash to the

County landfill and helping to unload them. These contributions are just a small part of the time and effort she puts into building a strong cross division team and setting the example for her co-workers in participating in activities that benefit the entire Department. Her unselfishness and great work ethic serves as an example to other staff along with her dedication to the animals in her care.

Thank you Lisa for all you do!



Congratulations Lisa!

What We're Up To...

Got Critters?

If you've been looking for a pocket pet, this is a great time to visit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter! We have a large number of young hamsters and gerbils just waiting for new homes. They are cute and sweet, and are often more social when adopted at a young age. And, their adoption fee is only \$5! Come visit these cute critters today!

Welcome Vivian

Animal Care & Control is pleased to welcome Vivian Mink, a student from Germany, to our Department for a two week internship.

Vivian is working closely with the Community Outreach Department and is spending lots of time with all the shelter animals. She's a great asset to the team and we'll be sad to see her go!

Columbus Day

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be **closed Monday, October 12** in honor of Columbus Day. Normal shelter hours will resume on Tuesday, October 13.

Animal Control is available for emergency services by calling 703-777-0445.